

An independent panel has chosen the following teachers from Manatee, Sarasota, and Hillsborough counties to receive Florida's 16th District's 2021 Congressional Teacher Award for their accomplishments as educators:

Tammy Merrell for her accomplishments as a teacher at Samoset Elementary School.

Carol Mays Davis for her accomplishments as a teacher at Lincoln Memorial Academy.

Jeremiah Bowman for his accomplishments as a teacher at Braden River High School.

Kari Johnson for her accomplishments as a teacher at Fruitville Elementary School.

Judi Robson for her accomplishments as a teacher at Sarasota Middle School.

Jeanette Marks for her accomplishments as teacher at Sarasota Military Academy.

Timothy Mays for his accomplishments as a teacher at East Bay Senior High School.

On behalf of the people of Florida's 16th District, I congratulate each of these outstanding teachers and offer my sincere appreciation for their service and dedication.

LUKE KELLOGG

**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 13, 2021*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Luke Kellogg for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.

Luke Kellogg is a student at Ralston Valley H.S. and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Luke Kellogg is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Luke Kellogg for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt he will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of his future accomplishments.

RESOLUTION CELEBRATING  
VAISAKHI

**HON. JOHN GARAMENDI**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 13, 2021*

Mr. GARAMENDI. Madam Speaker, today I reintroduce the House resolution celebrating Vaisakhi: an annual harvest festival widely celebrated in northern India and throughout the world.

This resolution recognizes the historic, cultural, and religious significance of the festival of Vaisakhi. This annual harvest festival is celebrated globally by people of many different faiths including Sikhs, Hindus, and Buddhists. It is particularly significant for Sikhs because it coincides with the formation of Khalsa in 1699.

In the United States, Vaisakhi is celebrated with large processions, celebrations, and community service. Vaisakhi celebrates commu-

nity, prosperity, and continued progress in the year ahead. As our country emerges from the COVID-19 pandemic, it is critical that we celebrate the strength of our communities and the sacrifice it will take to defeat the coronavirus and look toward the future.

As the co-chairman of the American Sikh Congressional Caucus, I am honored to reintroduce this biennial resolution recognizing the importance of Vaisakhi. April 13 marks the start of the beginning of the Sikh religion and the start of the Punjabi New Year. Late 2020 and early 2021 has tested the Indian Sikh community, and I hope the coming months will be marked by peace, prosperity, and respect for all faith communities.

Madam Speaker, I encourage all Members of the House to join me in recognizing the significance of Vaisakhi and those who celebrate it.

KATHRYN WOODCOCK

**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 13, 2021*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Kathryn Woodcock for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.

Kathryn Woodcock is a student at Arvada West H.S. and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Kathryn Woodcock is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Kathryn Woodcock for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of her future accomplishments.

APPRECIATING BILL BROCK

**HON. JOE WILSON**

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 13, 2021*

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, The Wall Street Journal on March 31, 2021, published a fitting tribute to Ambassador William "Bill" Emerson Brock, III, who died on March 25th.

General, Executive, Representative, Senator, National Chairman, Ambassador, Cabinet Secretary, Senior Counselor Bill Brock was correctly recognized as "a statesman of the highest caliber, leading by example, with freedom and humility."

I especially appreciate his achievements of developing the modern Republican Party in the South from virtually no presence to my home state of South Carolina now appreciating the largest Republican majorities in 140 years.

His obituary from The Journal is clearly deserving for his service for the American people.

IN MEMORIAM

West Palm Beach—BROCK, William Emerson III "Bill," former Tennessee Senator, United States Trade Representative and Secretary of Labor, passed away peacefully at the age of 90 on March 25, 2021.

Born and raised in Chattanooga, TN, Bill Brock graduated from McCallie School and Washington & Lee University. When Mr. Brock returned from serving 3 years in the Navy, he went to work in his family's candy company. Mr. Brock served in the House for 8 years, working closely with Republicans and Democrats to solve problems and get things done for his constituents.

In 1970, Mr. Brock ran against three-term incumbent Albert Gore, Sr. for the Senate and won. In 1976, as he was elected to serve as Chair of the Republican National Committee and spent the next 4 years rebuilding the Grand Ole Party. Four years later, the Republicans took control of the senate for the first time in a quarter of a century, gained 49 seats in the House of Representatives, and elected Ronald Reagan to the Presidency. Reagan appointed Brock United States Trade Representative. He was recognized for his leadership in promoting the expansion of international trade rules to encompass for the first time intellectual property, services, and investment. He founded the Quad Forum, a quarterly informal meeting of the Trade Ministers of Europe, Japan, Canada, and the United States and founded the Rio Group of seventeen leading trading nations to facilitate greater coordination between trade and finance ministries. Ambassador Brock was recognized by The Wall Street Journal, along with a number of others, as one of the "fathers" of the Uruguay Round of Trade Negotiations and subsequently the World Trade Organization (WTO).

In 1985, President Reagan asked Mr. Brock to bring his arbitration skills to the Department of Labor. As US Secretary of Labor, Secretary Brock was widely praised for his strong executive leadership in a major reform of pension laws, restoring constructive labor-management relations, and creating the landmark study of workforce and workplace trends in a global economy entitled Work Force 2000.

He was a Senior Counselor and Member of the Board of the Center for Strategic and International Studies, where he chaired the International Policy Roundtable, served on several boards, traveled extensively with his wife and family, maintained an active twitter account and continued to write op-eds on education, trade, policy and politics right up until the time of his passing. His family and friends will remember him for his gentle, loving spirit and his abiding commitment to his Father, his family, and his country. He was a statesman of the highest caliber, leading by example, with kindness and humility.

Mr. Brock is predeceased by his mother, Myra Kruesi "Peggy" Brock, his father, William Emerson "Bill" Brock Jr., and by his wife, Laura Handley "Muffet" Brock. He is survived by his wife, Sandra Schubert "Sandy" Brock; two brothers, Paul "Pat" Brock and Frank Brock; six children and step-children and their spouses, William "Bill" Brock IV (Laura), Oscar Brock (Meg), Laura "Hutchey" Brock Doley (Chris), John Brock (Peggy), Julie Cram Janka (John), and Stephen "Steve" Cram (Theresa); 19 grandchildren, William "Bill" Brock V (Morgan), Stephen Brock, Michael "Hutch" Brock (Sarah), Margaret "Archer" Brock, Eleanor Brock, Peter Doley, Laura Doley, Erin Doley, Katherine "Katie" Doley, John "JB" Brock, Morgan Cram (Nathalie), Samantha Cram Butler (Taft), Reagan Cram, McKay Cram, Brandon Fritz, Ian Fritz, Kala Fritz,